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For : JOINING STRUCTURE FOR TWO MEMBERS, AND PROPELLER SHAFT

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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For: JOINING STRUCTURE FOR TWO MEMBERS, AND PROPELLER SHAFT
Enclosed are:

38 page(s) of specification, 1 page(s) of Abstract, 5 page(s) of claims

10 sheets of drawing formal informal

6 page(s) of Declaration and Power of Attorney

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Copy from prior application

Deletion of inventors including Signed Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d)(2)

Incorporation by Reference: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the combined declaration and power of attorney is supplied herein, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is incorporated herein by reference.

Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)

[] _____ page(s) of Sequence Listing

[] computer readable disk containing Sequence Listing
[] Statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.821(f) that computer and paper copies of the Sequence Listing are the same

[X] Claim for Priority (Claim to Convention Priority)

[] Certified copy of the Priority Document

[] English translation documents

[X] Will be filed at a later date

[X] Information Disclosure Statement

[X] Copies of the cited references, including Form PTO-1449

[] Copy of PTO-1449 filed in parent application serial No._____

[] Preliminary Amendment

[X] Return receipt postcard (MPEP 503)

Assignment Papers (assignment cover sheet and assignment documents)

[] A check in the amount of \$ _____ for recording the Assignment.

[] Assignment papers filed in parent application Serial No. _____.

[] Certification of chain of title pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b).

[] This is a [] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part (C-I-P) of prior application serial no. _____.

[] Cancel in this application original claims _____ of the parent application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)

[] A preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this Amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)

[] The status of the parent application is as follows:

[] A Petition For Extension of Time and a Fee therefor has been or is being filed in the parent application to extend the term for action in the parent application until _____.

[] A copy of the Petition for Extension of Time in the co-pending parent application is attached.

[] No Petition For Extension of Time and Fee therefor are necessary in the co-pending parent application.

[] Please abandon the parent application at a time while the parent application is pending or at a time when the petition for extension of time in that application is granted and while this application is pending has been granted a filing date, so as to make this application co-pending.

[] Transfer the drawing(s) from the patent application to this application.

[] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
This is a [] continuation [] divisional [] continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. _____ filed _____.

I. CALCULATION OF APPLICATION FEE (For Other Than A Small Entity)

| | Number Filed | Number Extra | Rate | Basic Fee |
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| Total Claims | 20 | -20 = | 0 | x \$ 18.00 \$ 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 1 | - 3 = | 0 | x \$ 80.00 \$ 0.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | | | Additional Fee = Add'l Fee = | \$ 270.00 \$ 0.00 |
| | [] yes [X] no | | | NONE |

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[] A statement claiming small entity status is attached or has been filed in the above-identified parent application and its benefit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.28(a) is hereby claimed. Reduced fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9(F) (50% of total) paid herewith \$ _____.

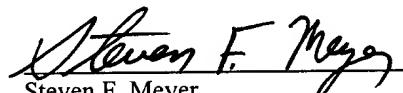
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[X] The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for filing this application, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 5000-4960. A DUPLICATE COPY OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

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- 2. Claim to Convention Priority
- 3. Information Disclosure Statement
- 4. Form PTO-1449 with copies of the cited references
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